

TO GET TOGETHER

MINERS AND OPERATORS TO SETTLE THEIR DIFFERENCES.

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNS

Disposition to Avoid Prolonged Hearing of Cause—Ten Per Cent Increase, Nine-Hour Day and Trade Agreement.

SCRANTON, Pa.—The miners and mine owners have agreed to attempt to adjust their differences without the aid of the strike commission. The proposition was made on a compromise basis, and negotiations, it is expected, will at once be entered upon, with a reasonable hope of settlement. The proposition which is to form the basis of negotiations, comprise three points.

1. A 10 per cent increase in wages.
2. A nine-hour day.
3. A trade agreement between the men and their employer.

The only one of the four demands not touched upon is that of weighing coal by the legal ton. While both sides have expressed a willingness to settle their differences among themselves, this does not necessitate the acceptance of the terms proposed. They are only mentioned as a basis for the negotiations and it is possible the whole scheme may be wrecked by either party holding out too strongly on some one point, and thus forcing the whole matter back into the hands of the commissioners, who in the meantime will act as a sort of a board of conciliation.

The move created a wild sensation when it became known. It is said it was all brought about by both sides seeing that the proceedings before the commission would be indeterminate, and in the intermingling of lawyers, the present proposition materialized.

It cannot be officially stated which party first made the suggestion. Attorneys for both sides are averse to talking and different stories are afloat. Counsel for one of the railroads said it came from the miners' side, while one lawyer for the miners said it came from the operators. Another representative of the miners said it was a "spontaneous" proposition. It is generally believed, however, that the operators were the first to make the proposition.

Wayne MacVeagh, is indeed, generally given credit for the present situation. He went to New York after he had finished with Mr. Mitchell and had a conference with certain persons, among them, it is said, with J. P. Morgan.

The commissioners were informed of the new turn of affairs Friday night and acquiesced in the arrangement. The proposition did not even directly come up during the public hearing Friday, and adjournment was made, nominally, to permit both sides to complete their documentary evidence.

Clarence S. Darrow, near the close of the session, suggested that the miners be given more time to prepare their evidence. They wanted to present the wage statements of thousands of miners, and they found the task a stupendous one. They also wanted to carefully examine the companies books and this, too, would take considerable time.

MORE SUPPORT FOR CANNON.

Michigan and Ohio Will Both Vote for Him for Speaker.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Ten of the eleven republican congressmen in Michigan met here Thursday and discussed the speakership of the house. A formal motion was carried that the Michigan delegation go on record in favor of the candidacy of Joseph Cannon of Illinois.

COLUMBUS, O.—At a conference held here Thursday twelve of the republican congressmen-elect of Ohio declared in favor of Cannon of Illinois as speaker of the house. Two members, Messrs. Jackson and Morgan, are pledged to support Burton of Ohio.

CODY LEAVES FOR EUROPE.

His Last Trip With Show Either in This Country or Abroad.

CODY, Wyo.—In an interview Friday Colonel W. F. Cody said:

"I will leave tomorrow for New York, from which port our show sets sail in ten days for Europe. This will be my last trip, abroad or at home, in the show business. I was born a pioneer, have lived a pioneer and desire to die as a pioneer of this great country."

"My idea of a rough rider school to be established at Cody is by no means given up. It has been delayed, but will be organized and pushed through to success next season. This school will be an important factor in training our hardy young men for the cavalry service and you may say the school will be a sure go."

Some people always appear to be hopelessly mislead.

AS TO ILLEGAL FENCING.

Mosby Takes Issue Regarding an Interview.

WASHINGTON.—Colonel Mosby, special agent of the general land office, charged with the duty of reporting illegal fences on the public domain in Nebraska, is not at all satisfied with the interview which was published, with District Attorney Summers. Colonel Mosby stated he had made no agreement with District Attorney Summers that proceedings in court against the fence men should be withheld until after sixty days had expired. He stated that he had no lawful right to make such an agreement, nor had the district attorney.

"My letters to Colonel Summers," said Colonel Moody, "will show that I complained against the violation of the fencing law in Nebraska long since and that I stated that the statutes regarding illegal fencing were a dead letter so far as Nebraska was concerned. The general land office, in its instructions, directs special agents to give to cattlemen sixty days' notice within which to pull down the fences, but the act of congress requires a district attorney to institute suit to remove a fence as soon as an affidavit is filed complaining of it. I had no right to repeat the statute. I was appointed to enforce the law by calling the attention of the district attorney to illegal fences and it was his business to bring suit to remove the same. If Mr. Summers has not been apathetic then why has he not resented my letters complaining of his apathy? The letters which I have written to him regarding this matter, covering a period of several months, are made part of my report. Complaints were filed a year ago with Mr. Summers against Miller & Leith for the notorious negro entries which appear in the Alliance land office and later complaint was filed with this same officer of the government calling attention to illegal fences which they maintained, yet nothing was done by Mr. Summers to correct these gross violations of the statutes."

THEY THANK ADMIRAL CASEY.

Gallant Seaman is the Lion of the Hour.

PANAMA.—The Star and Herald says that at the conference on board the Wisconsin a distinguished son of Uncle Sam, Rear Admiral Silas Casey, acted as a mediator and peace-maker, which conduct, it remarks, reflects great credit on a nation whose motives for doing good are too frequently disparaged. Admiral Casey, in a brilliant speech, extended to the negotiators his heartfelt good wishes, highly praising them for their judgment and patriotism and their arrangement of such an extremely delicate matter.

General Cohas, chief of Minister of State Perdomo's staff, made an eloquent reply to this speech, and in the name of Colombia thanked the gallant admiral for the hospitality and attention the negotiators had received on board his flagship, and also for his generous intervention in the arrangement to bring about peace in that zone of Colombian territory.

MANILA WANTS GOLD MONEY.

Silver Drops Again, Squeezing Business and Government Men.

MANILA.—Silver has suffered a further decline and the government has issued a proclamation making the official rate \$2.60 for \$1.00 gold. The former rate was \$2.50.

The possibility of Mexico and the Straits Settlement adopting a gold standard have greatly weakened the Indian and Asiatic silver market. Large quantities of Mexican silver are coming from China, as it is believed that much gold is being circulated here on account of government expenditures.

Native officials are beginning to petition for salaries to be paid in gold. The secretary of finance says:

"There is nothing to indicate a more hopeful future for the currency question. It will probably be as bad as now, if not worse, until congress acts and gives us a stable currency."

Reading Advances Wages.

PHILADELPHIA.—A circular letter was issued Tuesday by the Philadelphia & Reading railway notifying the heads of all departments that "taking effect November 1, 1902, the wages of all employees will be equalized with those paid by railway companies in this vicinity." The increase will not take in the 10 per cent increase all around, as was the case of the Pennsylvania company, for the reason, it is said, that many Reading employees are now receiving higher salaries than those paid by the Pennsylvania and other roads in this section.

Large Cattle Shipment.

G. H. Ware of Mullen received 2,000 cows and calves here, which he bought from Harris, Franklin & Co. of Bellefourche, S. D. The cows looked fine, being in better shape than a majority of the cows shipped from here to the market. Mr. Ware's herd here now aggregates 7,000 head.

WILL NOT YIELD

CASTRO PROPOSES TO STAND UP AND DEMAND RIGHTS.

HE RESENTS FOREIGN ACTION

Insists that British Sloop of War Entered the Orinoco Without Any Permission—Protests Against German War Ships Landing Along Shore.

CARACAS, Venezuela.—Discussing Venezuela's foreign relations, Dr. Lopez Baralt, minister of the interior, said:

"Towards the United States Venezuela entertains the kindest feelings of friendship and she remembers with gratitude the attitude of the great republic in the past. Venezuela is determined, so far as she is concerned, that nothing shall occur to disturb in the slightest degree the existing understanding with the American legation and the friendly relations between the two countries. Venezuela has nothing to complain of over the way the various questions have been treated, and except for some pending questions her foreign relations have been of a cordial character."

"The English government at Trinidad published a few days ago an official decree declaring the blockade of the Orinoco null and void. If there is any place where the blockade is effective it is the Orinoco, for, besides the land defenses, we have maintained several gunboats which have efficiently performed there all the duties appertaining to a blockade."

"The English, too, are inconsistent, for while one journal at Trinidad published the decree declaring the blockade to be ineffective the Mirror, another publication, insists that Venezuela is loyally fulfilling her international duty in this respect. The British sloop-of-war Fantome entered the Orinoco without permission, and President Castro has directed a protest against this infringement on Venezuelan sovereignty. It has been recognized that the principal foreign ships shall ask permission to enter the mouth of the river, and we cannot understand the disregard of this rule."

"A similar protest has been sent regarding the action of the German warship Panther, which also entered the Orinoco without permission."

"Another act which has provoked astonishment was the hoisting of the British flag on the island of Patos. Venezuela's right to this island cannot be questioned. Geographically, historically and politically it is Venezuelan territory."

"With the island of Trinidad it is recognized as forming part of the old Spanish colony by the treaty of Amiens. Trinidad was ceded to Great Britain, but Patos remained, and was recognized as an integral part of Venezuela. The English claim to Patos is in no wise based on the act of the former Spanish government and was not recognized by Spain. If further reorganization of Venezuelan's right is needed, the fact that the island is situated scarcely three miles from the mainland, while it is ten minutes from Trinidad, is sufficient."

"Venezuela's position is shown by the facility with which we have replied to every argument in support of the British contention. Patos island is Venezuela's and must remain so."

Russia Employs Americans.

ST. PETERSBURG.—An American firm was on Monday awarded a \$1,000,000 contract to construct telephone conduits in this city. The contract calls for twenty miles of underground tubes to be laid by 1903. A Chicago firm has secured the contract for the switchboard.

Will Stop the Bull Fight.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—Governor Yates has directed Colonel Oglesby to investigate a report to the effect that a bull fight is being advertised in Sullivan, Moultrie county, for Thanksgiving day. Sheriff Foster has been notified to prevent such a show.

Makes Widow a Present.

NEW YORK.—The sultan of Morocco has presented \$5,000 to Mrs. Cooper, widow of the English missionary who was murdered by a native last month and whose assassin was shot to death in front of a mosque on order of the sultan.

Treasury Balance.

WASHINGTON.—Wednesday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$205,426,405; gold, \$113,905,011.

Offers \$1,000 Reward.

DENVER, Colo.—Governor Orman has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the man who shot and killed Arthur L. Collins, general manager of the Smuggler-Union mines at Pandora, Colo.

CHINA'S TROUBLE.

The Rebels Capture the City of Szechu.

VICTORIA, B. C.—Advises have been received from Canton to the effect that the Kowang rebels have captured the prefectural city of Szechu and several district cities in the same prefecture. A number of the officials of the captured cities either committed suicide or were killed by the rebels, while some succeeded in escaping.

It is stated on good authority that the rebels recently received a large consignment of provisions, magazine rifles and ammunition, which caused the rebellion to be renewed. Two battalions of troops have reached Canton en route to fight the rebels.

From Szechuan news was received that General Ting had defeated the Boxers, capturing the fortress at Yana Tacchi, between Horcou and Taihoo-hen.

In Tsa Nhsin the imperial troops also repulsed the Boxers, killing 300 in a fight. Reports are now being received from the provinces of Yunnan and Kuenchou that the Boxers are massing in those provinces.

A Peking correspondent of the North China Herald says the Chinese government is secretly planning another upheaval. From reliable sources he learns that the dowager empress has received reports from all viceroys and governors regarding the number of soldiers and amount of war munitions that can be raised, and instructions have been given to train the Manchus in the use of the rifle and in western drill. They are to be drafted to the different provinces to instruct the soldiery, this being part of the plan for another outbreak.

BUFFALO BILL OPENS HOTEL.

Announces at Same Time Engagement of His Youngest Daughter.

CODY, Wyo.—Several interesting features marked the opening here Tuesday evening of the Hotel Irma, built by Colonel W. F. Cody at a cost of \$100,000 and named by him in honor of his youngest daughter, Miss Irma Cody.

Colonel Cody and Miss Irma led the grand march when the festivities began, 600 guests from all parts of the west and northwest following the leaders. Before the banquet which marked the climax of the festivities he announced the engagement of Miss Irma Cody to Lieutenant Charles Armstrong, Tenth United States cavalry, a young officer who won honors in the Philippines.

Colonel Cody's guests included Governor Savage of Nebraska, Colonel Frank Powell of St. Paul, Lieutenant Scott of Fort McKenzie and "Mountain Charlie," a well known scout.

ARCHBISHOP GUIDI ARRIVES.

Ready to Take Up Matter of Friars in Philippines.

MANILA.—Archbishop Guidi, apostolic delegate in the Philippines, arrived here Tuesday. A delegation of Roman Catholics boarded the steamer and escorted the prelate ashore. Captain Noble, the military aide-de-camp of Governor Taft, extended the official greetings.

Archbishop Guidi proceeded from the wharf to the cathedral, where solemn services were held. He will make a formal call on Governor Taft, and it is expected that the plans for the negotiations looking for the settlement of the friars' lands question will be informally discussed on that occasion.

Assassin's Shot Fatal.

TELLURIDE, Colo.—Arthur L. Collins, general manager of the Smuggler-Union Mining company, who was shot by an unknown assassin on Wednesday night at Padora, died Thursday morning. He was born in England thirty-three years ago. In consequence of the murder of General Manager Collins, the Smuggler-Union Mining company has closed its mines and mills for an indefinite period. The company employed between 400 and 500 men.

Pistols at a Prize Fight.

GUTHRIE, Okla.—Trouble arose at a prize fight in Oklahoma City Thursday night, and within a few seconds twenty-five shots were fired. Goldie Filson fell dead with five bullets in his head, his brother is fatally injured with a shot through the neck, and two unknown men were shot, one through the shoulder, the other through a leg. The prize fight reached its fourth round when the melee started.

Must Vote in Person.

ATCHISON, Kan.—Judge Hudson, in the district court on Wednesday, held that the new absentee railway employees' law permitting railroad men to vote when away from home on election day, to be unconstitutional. With the absentee railroad men's vote Peter Laughlin, fusionist, has a majority of five for the legislature from the country district. Without it U. B. Sharpless, republican, has a majority.

RATES SHOVED UP

FREIGHT AGENTS DECIDE COUNTRY CAN STAND RAISE.

FORMER RATES GO INTO EFFECT

Reduced Tariffs Filed Since Injunctions Are All to Be Withdrawn—Increased Revenue Will Amount to a Large Sum.

CHICAGO.—A meeting was held Thursday of the general freight agents of all western roads with a view to restoring the rates which were in effect January 1, 1902. Instructions to restore all such rates as could possibly be restored were issued by the executive officials and it is stated that they will be carried out to the letter.

Independent of this meeting the Colorado lines met and began the work of restoring conditions to Colorado common points.

The plan is to go on the old basis of rates the first of the year, which will necessitate the withdrawal of all the reduced tariffs placed in effect since January 1, 1902.

Since the issuing of the instructions by the United States courts fully 1,200 reduced tariffs have been filed with the interstate commerce commission at Washington and are now in effect. If it is found possible to take out the majority of these tariffs, the western roads will enjoy an increased revenue next year amounting to several million dollars. Whether the rate raising will go beyond the restoration of the old tariff remains to be seen.

Several reasons are assigned by railroad officials for a readjustment of freight schedules, the most important being the increased cost of material which is used in railroad construction. Another is the general raise in wages. Most railroad officials cannot see why the cost of every other commodity which is for sale is increased and freight rates stay down. It is expected that so long as the present plethora of freight traffic keeps up the railroads will be able to maintain higher tariffs without serious rate cutting.

PITTSBURG.—Railroad executives of the districts of the central freight and trunk line associations have decided that a freight rate advance of 2 per cent must go into effect on the bulk of the mill furnace tonnage on or before January 1.

The application and the division of the advances on the rates from Pittsburg to the east and west are matters of detail to be worked out in the tariff committees and associations.

In the cheaper grain traffic an advance of 15 per cent is to be made. This will go into effect December 8.

CHAFFEE GOES TO NEW YORK.

Will Then Proceed to Washington to Make Report.

CHICAGO, Ill.—General Chaffee and his two staff officers, Lieutenant Harper and Captain Lindsay, left Chicago Wednesday for New York, where the general will be located permanently.

After being duly installed in his quarters in New York, General Chaffee will visit Washington and present a report which is said to cover 8,000 typewritten pages. General Chaffee, while refusing to discuss matters to be presented to the government in his official capacity, intimates that some radical changes may be expected in the affairs of the Philippine islands as a consequence of his reports.

Reading Answers Hearst.

WASHINGTON.—The answer of the Reading Railway company to the complaint of William R. Hearst of New York, against the anthracite coal carrying roads, was filed with the interstate commerce commission Tuesday. It enters a general and specific denial to all the charges, statements and inferences that the Reading is in any way violating the interstate commerce law and denies as false and untrue all the allegations of unlawful combination, confederation, or agreement.

Smith Leaves the State.

The case of the state of Nebraska against William R. Smith was called in county court at York and dismissed at request of the complaining witness. Smith was arrested and placed in all on the charge of threatening to do bodily injury to Miss Nora Hilton. A thorough investigation of the case has been made by the county attorney. It was found that all that could be done in the case was to fine him and place him under bond to not molest or in any way interfere with Miss Hilton, and as he had neither money nor friends the only thing that could have been done would have been to keep him in jail for a time and then turn him loose. Smith agreed to leave the county and stay away under penalty of arrest should he return.

Nothing seems to stop John W. Gates, as like a wonderful giant, he steps from peak to peak in his journey through the mountains of fame.

COURTS POWERLESS TO ACT.

Friar's Death by Water Cure Cannot Be Legally Avenged.

WASHINGTON.—The secretary of war on Friday sent to the attorney general papers in the case of Father Augustine, who died from the effects of the "water cure" administered by soldiers of a Vermont regiment, while serving in the Philippines.

The case has been thoroughly investigated by the judge advocate general of the army upon the charges brought by Charles Francis Adams, Herbert Welsh and others of what was known to the Lake George conference.

It is said the guilt has not been brought home to any person now serving in the army. It is expected, therefore, that the attorney general will declare that neither the courts in this country nor those in the Philippines have any jurisdiction over the men or officers who have been discharged from the army.

Looks Like Cannon.

CHICAGO.—Action by the republican congressional delegations of Ohio and Michigan is believed to clinch the election of Congressman Cannon as the next speaker of the lower house of congress and as the successor of David B. Henderson of Iowa. The nominee will require 104 votes to control the caucus. According to Congressman Mann, chairman of his campaign committee, Mr. Cannon now has a total of 120 members pledged him in state caucuses and by personal letters.

DEATH REAPS RICH HARVEST.

Frightful Work of Volcano of Santa Maria in Guatemala.

PANAMA, Colombia.—Passengers from Central America who arrived here Monday report the complete destruction of the territory surrounding the volcano of Santa Maria, province of Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, in consequence of the recent eruption. The adjacent villages, the rich coffee plantations, with over \$300,000 worth of coffee stored in bags and hundreds of lives were lost. Refugees were arriving at the port of Champerico. Over 300 fugitives sailed for San Jose de Guatemala on the Pacific mail steamer.

The strict censorship which has been established in Guatemala makes it impossible to get exact news regarding the situation there. The port of Huevero Barris is reported to have been closed. No mail has arrived here from Guatemala.

IOWA TRAIN HELD UP.

Fifteen Masked Men Dynamite Safe in Express Car.

DAVENPORT, Ia.—Fifteen masked bandits derailed the fast westbound express train on the Rock Island road three miles west of here Friday morning, detached the engine and express car and two miles further west drove the United States Express company's messenger from the car, dynamited the safe, securing all its contents, and escaped after making one of the richest hauls on record in this section of the country.

The detonation from the discharge of the bomb could be distinctly heard in Davenport, five miles distant.

One car is off the track and the express car is a mass of ruins.

So far as known none of the passengers were molested, but it is feared that harm befell the express messenger.

To Confer About Laying Cable.

WASHINGTON.—Representatives of the Pacific Cable company have asked the attorney general for a conference upon the questions at issue between the government and the company regarding the laying of the proposed cable, and Friday has been decided upon for the meeting. Up to this time the company has not indicated its acceptance of the conditions imposed by the attorney general under which the government would consent to the use of the maps of the soundings of the proposed route across the Pacific.

Files Answer to Hearst.

WASHINGTON.—The Central Railway of New Jersey on Thursday filed with the interstate commerce commission its answer to the complaint of William R. Hearst of New York against the anthracite coal carrying railroads. It makes a brief general denial of the allegations and says the company has no knowledge of any injury caused to the complainant by reason of the matters complained of.

Cuba Elects Anti-American.

HAVANA.—The house of representatives has elected Senator Fortuondo president of the Chamber. Senator Garmenia, first vice president, Senator Cardenal, second vice president, and Senors Perez and Acosta secretaries of the chamber. Senator Fortuondo is a nationalist and an anti-American, Senator Garmenia is a pronounced radical, while Senors Cardenal and Acosta are members of the republican party, and Senor Perez is a nationalist.